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LOK SABHA

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REFUND OF SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has demanded the USA to refund social security payments;

(b) if so, the response of USA Government in this regard; and

(c) the total amount of payments to be refunded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): India has offered USA to enter into a Social Security Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement. As per preliminary estimates Indian professionals contribute about US $ 500 million annually to theUS Social Security Programme. So far no agreement could be reached on the subject.